Withdrawal of their airlines proposal by the Tatas

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st December, 1998 and State:

(a) the details stages through which the proposal passed and at what stage it was stuck up at the end and whether the corruptions, if any, were induced by the Tatas;

(b) whether this was the second prop-, osal, after the Bangalore airport project, from which the Tatas had pulled out of in July; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A chronology of M/s Tata Industries' proposal to operate scheduled air transport services is given in the statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) The Government of Karnataka have informed that M/s. Tata Industries Limited and the Government of Karnataka are presently reworking the project viability.

Statement

Chronology of consideration of the proposal of M/s Tata Industries

O 26th December, 1997	: (i) Proposal submitted to FIPB for foreign equity participation.
	: (ii) Proposal for NOC to operate scheduled air transport services initially with 7 aircraft.
O 17th July, 1998	Placed on the agenda for the FIPB meeting. Deferment sought. Recommended by FIPB for consideration of CCFI.
O 18th March, 1998	Certain clarification sought by MCA from the com- pany
O 25th March, 1998	Clarification received.
O 24th April, 1998	Proposal considered by the AAC and it was decided that the representative of the company may be invited in the next meeting.
O16th May, 1998	Placed on the Agenda of the FIPB meeting. Deferred for 4 weeks.
O 13th-June, 1998	Placed on the Agenda of. the FIPB Deferred.
O 4th July, 1998	Certain more clarification sought from the company
O 6th July, 1998	Clarification received.
O 11th July, 1998	Placed on the agenda of the FIPB meeting. Defere-ment sought for 4 weeks.
O 17th August, 1998	FIPB meeting defered.
O 29th August, 1998	FIPB meeting held. Deferement of proposal sought.
O 1st September, 1998	M/s Tata Industries have written a letter withdrawing the proposal.